

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1527.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF OYSTERS IN SHELL.

On March 26, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, holding a district court, a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 200 barrels, more or less, of oysters in shell, remaining unsold on board the sloop *Willie Clarence* and in possession of one Henry Stewart, alleging that the product had been transported from the State of Maryland into the District of Columbia, date of shipment not shown, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that the product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance, for which reason the product was unfit for human consumption.

On March 27, 1912, the claimant, Henry Stewart, having filed his plea and answer consenting to a decree of condemnation and having paid the costs of the proceedings, a decree of condemnation and forfeiture was entered and it was further ordered that upon presentation of a bond, in conformity with section 10 of the Act, fixed by the court at \$150, the product should be released to the claimant.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 8, 1912.*

